

MAYOR AND COUNCIL STRATEGIC FOCUS AREA SUBCOMMITTEE
Transportation

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION REPORT AND SUMMARY
March 13, 2008

ROLL CALL: 3:30 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 5:00 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Member Shirley Scott, Ward 4, Chair
Council Member Rodney Glassman, Ward 2
Council Member Karin Uhlich, Ward 3

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

AGENDA ITEM/MAYOR AND COUNCIL ACTION	STAFF ACTION
1. Call to the Audience - Robert Blizzard complimented City staff on their coordination with CODI related to the implementation of VanTran service improvements. He also expressed his appreciation for changing the meeting day of the Transportation Subcommittee so that it no longer conflicts with a CODI subcommittee meeting. Richard Basye suggested uses for the Historic Depot. He also asked for an explanation of the City's purchases of property on both the north and south sides of Broadway.	
2. Legislative Update: Jason Baran, City Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) expressed appreciation to Council Members for their efforts in support of projects seeking federal funding during their recent trip to Washington D.C. On the state level, he mentioned that at this point, the City's HURF allocation has not been impacted by proposed legislation aimed at balancing the budget. He also reported on a couple pieces of legislation that their office is monitoring as they proceed through the process.	Continue regular updates.
3. Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Update: Jim Glock, TDOT Director, reported on the status of the corridor planning projects and the latest public meeting held to discuss the Downtown Links project. He mentioned that the bid opening for the bus storage and maintenance facility is scheduled for March 26. He also reported on pending RTA action to advance funding for the installation of a HAWK at Rita Road and Esmond Loop.	Continue regular updates.
4. I-10 Update: Lucy Amparano, TDOT, reported that construction continues on schedule, with the switch to constructing the other side of the mainline anticipated for September of this year. She noted that planning for this November's El Tour event has begun.	Continue regular updates.
5. Sun Tran Service Fares: Jim Glock, TDOT Director, made a presentation on proposed fare increases for Sun Tran and Van Tran. The presentation included details about past Sun Tran fare increases (last one in 2000), escalating expenses, revenue and ridership analyses, peer system practices, and projections for anticipated revenues resulting from the increase.	No action taken.
6. Van Tran Service Improvement: Ralph Power, Assistant General Manager for SunTran, updated the Subcommittee on service improvements being implemented by Van Tran to enhance efficiencies, control escalating costs, and better serve a growing customer base. He also presented the public outreach plan that has been developed to communicate these service improvements.	No action taken.
8. Future Agendas (<i>suggested topics for further consideration/approval</i>) Stormwater Utility	